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SUBJECT: NEW PROCEDURES FOR BERLIN BUNDESTAG REPS WHO
WISH TO VISIT FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST
BERLIN

1. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION IN FEB. 3 BONN GROUP MEET-
ING, FRG REP (HENZE) CONFIRMED THAT NEW PROCEDURES HAD
BEEN ADOPTED FOR BERLIN BUNDESTAG REPS WHO WISH TO
VISIT THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN.
FRG-GDR DISCUSSIONS HAD LED TO THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM:

A. UPON APPLICATION OF A BERLIN BUNDESTAG REP TO
THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION, IT NOTIFIES
THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE REQUEST.

B. THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTIFIES THE FRG
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR
A VISA, AND INFORMS WSB-ESB CROSSING POINTS

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TO ASSURE SPEEDY ACCESS FOR THE BERLIN BUNDES-

TAG REPS.

C. THE BERLIN BUNDESTAG REP PICKS UP HIS VISA AT
A WSB-ESB CROSSING POINT, PRESENTING HIS
BERLIN IDENTITY CARD (NOT AN FRG DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORT).

2. HENZE ADDED THAT THE GDR VISAS ARE NO FEE, ARE NOT
COUNTED AS PART OF THE CONTINGENT FOR BERLINERS, AND
ARE VALID FOR EAST BERLIN AND THE ENTIRE GDR. BERLIN
BUNDESTAG REPS ARE ALSO EXEMPTED FROM GDR MINIMUM
EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS.

3. THE NEW PROCEDURES, WHICH WERE MADE PUBLIC
BY BERLIN SPD BUNDESTAG REP DUEBBER, HAVE INSPIRED
SOME CRITICAL PRESS COVERAGE. THE FAZ OF FEBRUARY 4,
FOR EXAMPLE, CONTENDS THAT THE GDR HAS WON ANOTHER
ROUND IN ITS EFFORT TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL
ENTITY OF WEST BERLIN, FOR THE GDR WILL NO LONGER HONOR
FRG DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS CARRIED BY BERLINERS (AS
WAS THE CASE HERETOFORE). FAZ ADDS THAT THE GDR REFUSAL
CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE IN FRG INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND
VIOLATES ARTICLE 6 OF THE BASIC TREATY.

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